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	:	Group Art Unit: 1773
Application No.: 10/656,242)	
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Filed: September 8, 2003)	
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For: FUNCTION DEVICE AND METHOD)	
FOR MANUFACTURING THE	:	
SAME, PERPENDICULAR)	
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM,	:	
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REPRODUCTION APPARATUS	:	
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APPARATUS	:	July 14, 2005

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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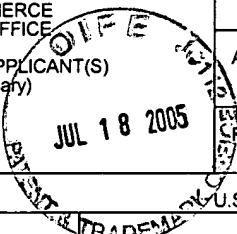
Respectfully submitted,

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